

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (E333-E) for Authority to Institute a Rate Stabilization Plan with a Rate Increase and End of Rate Freeze Tariffs.	Application 00-11-038 (Filed November 16, 2000)
Emergency Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Adopt a Rate Stabilization Plan. (U 39 E)	Application 00-11-056 (Filed November 22, 2000)
Petition of THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK for Modification of Resolution E-3527.	Application 00-10-028 (Filed October 17, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REGARDING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted to the Commission its determination of its 2004 revenue requirement on September 19, 2003. A prehearing conference (PHC) to address the 2004 DWR revenue requirement has been set for 10:00 a.m., October 2, 2003 in San Francisco. In addition to the 2004 revenue requirement, parties should be prepared to address the process for true-up of the 2001-2002 revenue requirement allocation, and whether methodologies to be used for the true-up of the 2003 revenue requirement allocation should also be litigated in this proceeding.

Procedure

The following is a tentative schedule for this proceeding:

September 30, 2003	PHC Statements
October 2	PHC
October 15	Opening Testimony
October 22	Reply Testimony
October 27	Evidentiary Hearings begin
November 7	Opening Briefs
November 14	Reply Briefs
December 14	Proposed Decision
January 16, 2003	Commission Decision ¹

PHC statements are optional. However, if any party wishes to recommend an alternate schedule for this proceeding, it must file and serve a PHC statement containing the alternate schedule. Please note that the Commission is required to act on DWR's request within 120 days.

No workshops are currently scheduled. If any party wishes to recommend the convening of a workshop, it must file and serve a PHC statement requesting a workshop and supporting that request with a detailed explanation of the purpose, scope, and anticipated benefits of a workshop. If scheduled, a workshop would occur during the week beginning October 6.

Due to the mandatory expedited schedule and large service list, service of documents in electronic form only should conserve time, resources, and money.

¹ Please note that Commission meeting dates for 2004 have not yet been determined.

For this phase only, we will only require parties to provide electronic service.² Any party who wishes to receive hard copies must immediately notify the service list, either by e-mail or letter, of its request to receive hard copy service. All documents that are served should also be served separately, via individual e-mail, to Administrative Law Judge Peter V. Allen at pva@cpuc.ca.gov. It is the sender's responsibility to ensure proper electronic service. Unless otherwise specified by a subsequent Ruling, electronic service is to be made no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date specified. Any objections to this service protocol must be raised no later than the PHC.

Substance

Please note that parties may re-litigate the allocation methodology established in Decision 02-12-045. The Commission will consider adopting an allocation methodology applicable to future revenue requirements (beyond 2004), so parties should be prepared to address how their proposed allocation would be appropriate on an ongoing basis.

True-up of the 2001-2002 revenue requirement allocation will be litigated on the above schedule, concurrently with the allocation of the 2004 revenue requirement. Establishment of a true-up methodology for 2003 could also be litigated on the same schedule, with the actual true-up to occur when actual data is available. Parties should be prepared to address at the PHC or in their PHC statement whether a true-up methodology for 2003 should be litigated now or at some later date. Neither the 2001-2002 true-up nor the 2003 true-up is subject to

² Filings with the Commission's Docket Office must meet the standard Docket Office requirements.

the 120 day time limit, and accordingly could be litigated separately from the 2004 revenue requirement if necessary.

IT IS RULED:

1. A pre-hearing conference (PHC) has been scheduled for October 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

2. PHC Statements are optional, except for parties who recommend a different procedural schedule or the holding of a workshop, as described above.

3. PHC Statements are to be filed and served on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, as described above.

4. All service of documents in this phase of this proceeding is electronic, as described above.

5. Any objections to the electronic service protocol for this phase of this proceeding should be made at or before the PHC.

Dated September 25, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ PETER V. ALLEN

Peter V. Allen
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have, by electronic mail this day to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, and by U.S. mail on September 26, 2003, served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 25, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making

the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.